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Funding Opportunities

for BC Producers, Processors,
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Introduction

This booklet contains information about funding opportunities for BC agriculture and agri-food producers and processors, as well as industry associations and not-for-profit groups involved with the agriculture and agri-food sector. This booklet is meant only as a guide; detailed program information, including eligibility, can be found through the contacts and websites listed. Programs and initiatives have been arranged in this guide according to a "best fit" approach for producers, processors and industry associations. However, some programs are more broadly based. You are strongly encouraged to contact the programs or institution directly to establish your eligibility for the specific program.

This booklet was prepared by the British Columbia Regional Office of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The BC regional office provides a wide range of services for BC agricultural producers, agri-food and agri-based processors and seafood companies. A key goal of the office is to improve competitiveness across the agricultural sector. That means ensuring that BC producers, processors and industry associations are aware of and successful in accessing programs aimed at increasing innovation, sectoral competitiveness and value added exports. The BC Regional Office assists with program path-finding and industry development, as well as provides marketing advice and expertise for companies interested in exporting.

Electronic versions of this information can be found on AAFC's Agri-Food Trade Service (ATS) website at:
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Funding Opportunities for Producers

Canada-BC Environmental Farm Planning / Beneficial Management Practices

This federal-provincial program complements and enhances the current stewardship practices of producers. The program encourages producers to develop environmental farm plans (EFP), implement beneficial management practices (BMP), and continuously evaluate their environmental performance.

Funding

Producers are provided with technical resources and assistance to identify the environmental status of their farms, prioritize any potential risks to the environment, and take advantage of tools and techniques available to manage those risks.

Producers who develop and have an approved and valid EFP may be eligible to apply for cost-shared incentives through the Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) Program to implement some of the actions identified in their EFP on-farm environmental action plans.

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

The EFP program is voluntary and applies to all types and sizes of farm businesses throughout the province.

Contact

BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation (ARDCorp)
230 - 32160 South Fraser Way
Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5
Tel: 604-854-4483
Toll Free: 1-866-522-3447
Fax: 604-854-4485
Website: www.ardcorp.ca

Food Safety Systems Implementation (FSSI) Producer Program

This federal-provincial program consists of an Outreach and an Implementation phase. The Outreach phase is a food safety and education program which is delivered by provincial commodity organizations that have a national On Farm Food Safety Program or commodity sectors moving towards an internationally recognized standard. The Implementation phase provides funding to support individual food producers that are implementing an On Farm Food Safety Program. The program is delivered by the BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation (ARDCORP).

Funding

\$2.4 million is available over 4 years for this initiative, expiring in 2013. Funding is available at a 90:10 cost share basis for the Implementation element up to a maximum of \$3,000 per farm.

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

Outreach is available to not for profit organizations who represent BC farmers including provincial and national commodity organizations. Implementation funding is available to farmers directly involved in the growing or raising of agricultural crops or livestock intended for human consumption in British Columbia whose facilities are not federally registered.

Contact

BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation (ARDCORP)
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Abbotsford, BC, V2T 1W5
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Toll free: 1-866-522-3447
Fax: 604-854-4485
Website: www.ardcorp.ca

Farm Business Advisory Services Program

This federal-provincial program is composed of a self assessment component and a consulting component. The self assessment phase will enable producers to measure current business practices and to identify information, training and consulting services that they can use to improve their current business practices. Once a self assessment and an action plan are complete, producers can apply for funding towards business consulting services.

To help producers complete their self assessment and farm action plan the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands will be providing a "Growing Your Farm Profits" workbook and delivering "Growing Your Farm Profits" workshops.

Funding

Producers may be eligible for funding toward business consulting services for their operations. These services fall into 2 tiers:

Tier 1- Basic farm financial assessment (100% support of advisory fees up to \$1,400.

Tier 2- Specialized business planning (75% support of advisory service fees up to \$2,500) to adopt progressive farm business management practices and strategies in nine business management areas:

- Business strategy
- Marketing strategy
- Production economics
- Human resources
- Financial management
- Succession planning
- Business structure
- Risk assessment
- Value-added ventures

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

Eligible participants include: existing farmers and beginner/start-up farmers.

Contact

George Geldart
BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
Tel: 250-260-3024
email: George.Geldart@gov.bc.ca

Enterprise Infrastructure Traceability (EIT) Program

This federal-provincial program aims to increase implementation of facility-based traceability systems across the primary and secondary agri-food production chains. The program will assist with specific costs related to the purchase and installation of traceability infrastructure and the training of staff to implement traceability systems. The program is delivered by the BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation (ARDCORP).

Funding

\$1.9 million is available over 4 years for this initiative, expiring in 2013. Funding is available at a 75:25 cost share basis up to a maximum of \$20,000 per applicant.

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

Funding is available to agricultural producers and food processors as well as businesses involved in agriculture or food products. Restaurants and retail food services are not eligible.

Contact

BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation (ARDCORP)
230 - 32160 South Fraser Way
Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5
Tel: 604-854-4483
Toll free: 1-866-522-3447
Fax: 604-854-4485
Website: www.ardcorp.ca

Advance Payments Program (APP)

This federal program provides producers with a cash advance on the value of their agricultural products during a specified period. Under the APP, the federal government guarantees repayment of cash advances issued to farmers by the participating producer organization. This helps the producer organization borrow money from financial institutions at lower interest rates and issue producers a cash advance on the anticipated value of their farm product that is being produced and/or is in storage.

By improving their cash flow throughout the year, the APP helps crop and livestock producers meet their financial obligations and benefit from the best market conditions.

Funding

Producers can receive a cash advance on up to 50% of the expected average market price of the agricultural product. The maximum cash advance for each producer is \$400,000. The federal government pays the interest on the first \$100,000. Producers have to repay their cash advances as their agricultural product is sold and must provide proof of sale. The cash advance must be repaid by the end of the production period which generally runs a maximum of 18 months (from April to September of the following year).

Who Can Apply

To be eligible, the producer must be:

- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- a corporation, cooperative or partnership, of which the majority interest is held by Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

Eligible agricultural products include crops, livestock, other animals, grains and oilseeds, fruits and vegetables, fur pelt, honey, maple syrup, and tobacco.

Producers can access the APP through producer organizations that administer the program. There is a list of participating producer organizations, by province, on the website listed below.

Contact

Advance Payments Program
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Financial Guarantee Programs Division
1341 Baseline Road, Tower 7, 7th Floor
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5
Toll Free: 1-888-346-2511
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/aggp

Tax Deferral Designation (Drought or Flood)

Under the Income Tax Act a tax deferral designation is available to livestock producers who sell part of their breeding herd due to drought, flood or excessive moisture conditions. It permits producers in designated regions to exclude a portion of the sale proceeds from their incomes until the following taxation year. As a result, the full amount of the proceeds eligible for the deferral will be available to replenish their herds in the following taxation year.

Funding

Tax deferral.

Who Can Apply

To defer income, the breeding herd must be located in a regional district designated by the Minister, and must have been reduced by at least 15 %.

Contact

Website: www.agr.gc.ca/pfta/drought/taxdef_e.htm

BC Orchards and Vineyards Transition Program

This is an \$8 million federal-provincial program for the British Columbia tree fruit and grape industries. The funding provides for the removal of plant stock, replanting and the development of strategic regional plans.

Funding

Applicants can receive up to \$4,000 per hectare.

Who Can Apply

Applicants for the removal portion of the program must be actively engaged in tree fruit and/or grape production; must be the owner or lessee of the land to be renovated; the orchard and/or vineyard must have at least 1 hectare (2.47 acres) in producing tree fruits and/or grapes and be located in British Columbia.

Applicants for the development of regional strategic plans portion of this program must be not-for-profit organizations and/or industry associations.

Contact

Removal Program
Debra Gibbard
BC Fruit Growers Association
Fax: 250-861-9089
email: info@bcfga.com

Regional Strategic Plan Program
Jim Campbell
BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
Tel: 250-498-5254
email: Jim.C.Campbell@gov.bc.ca

Prairie Shelterbelt Program (PSP)

This federal program provides technical assistance and tree and shrub seedlings for the establishment of shelterbelts and other agroforestry, conservation, and reclamation projects on agricultural and eligible lands in the Peace River region of British Columbia (as well as the prairie provinces). The aim of the program is to improve the performance and sustainability of the agricultural sector by helping to achieve the social, economic, and environmental benefits of agroforestry.

Funding

Tree and shrub seedlings and technical assistance are available to eligible landowners at no charge. Landowners must apply for trees by filling out a PSP application form. Eligible applicants are responsible for seedling transportation costs, planting, and maintenance.

Who Can Apply

Eligibility for tree seedlings and technical assistance through the PSP is based on the land owned. Eligible landowners in BC must be in the Peace River region and may include private landowners, public land managers, and First Nations band councils or individuals.

Contact

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
PO Box 940
Indian Head SK
S0G 2K0
Toll free: 1-866-766-2284
email: agroforestry@agr.gc.ca
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/agroforestry

BC Feeder Associations Loan Guarantee Program and The Bred Heifer Associations Loan Guarantee Program (FALG)

This provincial program assists BC beef and sheep producers add more value to their livestock operations by helping them raise their calves or lambs to heavier weights before selling. The program increases the availability of livestock feeding credit by encouraging the formation of farmer owned cooperatives, called Feeder Associations. These Associations borrow money from banks or credit unions and purchase cattle or sheep for grassing, or feeding out, on members' farm or feedlot. The province provides a loan guarantee to the Association's lender.

The Bred Heifer Program is an extension of the FALG program. It allows farmers to start a cow herd or increase an existing herd under an expanded provincial feeder associations program. Under the Bred Heifer Program, association members may purchase heifers or young cows for their herd, repaying the Association loan by selling the calves from these cows. The program helps many areas of the province to diversify and stabilize farm operations.

Funding

The Province of British Columbia will guarantee to the lender repayment of up to 15 % of the loans outstanding under the Bred Heifer Program and 25% under the BC Feeder Associations Loan Guarantee Program.

The guaranteed loan limits are determined by the Association depending on the length of membership with the Association.

Feeder loans are for a maximum 12 month period only for the purchase of feeder cattle. Bred Heifer loans are for a five-year term, with annual payments of principal plus interest.

Who Can Apply

British Columbia residents, who are at least 19 years of age and own or lease a farm in British Columbia, are eligible. Guaranteed loans may be used only to purchase bred heifers or young cows or the purchase of feeder cattle, not feed or facilities.

Contact

BC Breeder & Feeder Association (BCBFA)

5641 Bastin Road

Quesnel, BC V2J 6R1

Tel: 250-992-8483

Fax: 250-992-8489

email: bcfbfa@quesnelbc.com

Website: www.bcbfa.ca

Individual Feeders Associations and Bred Heifer Associations are available at:

www.bcbfa.ca/contacts.htm

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program (CALA)

This federal program provides farmers with access to credit. Farmers can use these loans, offered through most financial institutions, to establish, improve, and develop farms; while agricultural co-operatives may also access loans to process, distribute, or market the products of farming.

Funding

The maximum loan is \$500,000 for land and the construction or improvement of buildings and \$350,000 for all other loan purposes. The aggregate loan limit for any one farmer is \$500,000. Agricultural co-operatives may receive up to \$3 million with the Minister's approval.

Who Can Apply

Eligible participants include: existing farmers, beginner/start-up farmers, farmers taking over the family farm, and agricultural co-operatives with a majority (50% + 1) farmer membership.

Contact

Toll free: 1-888-346-2511

email: fgp-pgf@agr.gc.ca

Website: www.agr.gc.ca/cala

ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital Initiative (ecoABC)

This is a \$200 million federal program that provides repayable contributions for the construction or expansion of transportation biofuel production facilities. The goal is to provide an opportunity for agricultural producers to diversify their economic base and participate in the biofuels industry through equity investment/ownership in biofuels production facilities.

Funding

ecoABC can provide a repayable contribution towards an individual project of up to \$25 million or twenty-five percent (25%) of eligible project costs, whichever is less. An applicant may invest in several ecoABC projects. Each project would be individually subject to the funding limits.

Who Can Apply

Funding is conditional upon agricultural producer investment in the biofuel projects, and the use of agricultural feedstock to produce the biofuel.

Eligible applicants include corporations, individuals, and partnerships. Applicants cannot be subject to controlling interest by a federal, provincial or municipal government.

Contact

Trade and Marketing Officers
BC Regional Office
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
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Fax: 604-666-7235
email: atsbc@agr.gc.ca
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/ecoabc

Business Risk Management Programs

AgriStability

AgriStability is a margin-based program which provides support when a producer experiences a large income decline. Payments are based on a decline in the farm's current year margin compared to an average historical margin.

Funding

Program benefits are triggered when a participant's income in the program year falls more than 15% below the average income from previous years. The greater the decline in income, the greater the payment.

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

Generally, individuals or entities that derive income from the primary production of agricultural commodities, as defined by the program, are eligible to participate in AgriStability.

Contact

Farm Income Programs
P.O. Box 3200 Station Main
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 5R7
Toll free: 1-866-367-8506
Fax: 1-877-949-4885 (toll free)
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/agristability

Note: Negotiations are underway to transfer the AgriStability program for the 2009 program year from the Government of Canada to the province of British Columbia. Until further notice please continue to direct all AgriStability enquiries to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at agr.gc.ca/agristability or 1-866-367-8506.

AgrilInvest

AgrilInvest helps producers protect their margin from small declines. With AgrilInvest accounts, producers have the flexibility to use the funds to cover small income declines or to make investments to mitigate risks or improve market income. The program is bankable, as producers will be able to easily predict the government contribution to their account each year.

Funding

Each year, producers can deposit up to 1.5% of their Allowable Net Sales (ANS) into an AgrilInvest account and receive a matching contribution from federal and provincial governments. The account is self-managed; producers can withdraw the funds at any time.

For AgrilInvest purposes, eligible participants are limited to ANS of \$1,500,000 per year. Based on this limit, the largest matching government contribution would be \$22,500.

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

Generally, individuals or entities that derive income from the primary production of agricultural commodities except those covered under supply management are eligible to participate in AgrilInvest. Producers of supply managed commodities, who also produce allowable commodities, may be eligible for AgrilInvest based on the non-supply managed portion of their farming operation.

Contact

AgrilInvest Administration
P.O. Box 3200 Station Main
Winnipeg, MB R3C 5R7
Toll free: 1-866-367-8506
Fax: 1-877-949-4885 (toll free)
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/agrilinvest

AgrilInsurance/Production Insurance Program

This program helps producers manage their risk of crop losses caused by naturally occurring perils such as: hail, spring frost, excessive rain, flood, fire, drought, etc.

Funding

The program consists of minimum and optional insurance coverage. Minimum coverage provides some protection against disasters for a very low cost. Options allow you to tailor your insurance coverage to meet your individual needs. Production Insurance premiums are cost shared between the two levels of government (federal and provincial) and the producer.

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

Within the 7 crop type program plans, there are over 30 different commodities eligible for insurance. The 7 major plans or crop types include: berries, forage, grain, grapes, flower bulbs, tree fruits and vegetables.

Contact

For more information or an application, contact your nearest Production Insurance office or the Program website:

Abbotsford:	Toll Free 1-888-221-7141, Local 604-556-3001
Dawson Creek:	Toll Free 1-877-772-2200, Local 250-784-2236
Fort St. John:	Toll Free 1-888-822-1345, Local 250-787-3240
Kamloops:	Toll Free 1-888-823-3355, Local 250-371-6050
Kelowna:	Toll Free 1-888-332-3352, Local 250-861-7211
Oliver:	Toll Free 1-888-812-8811, Local 250-498-5250

Website: www.agf.gov.bc.ca/production_insurance

AgrilInsurance/Agriculture Wildlife Program (AWP)

This program provides assistance to forage, grain and livestock producers in the province of British Columbia for verified crop and livestock losses due to wildlife.

The major components of the program include:

- Wildlife damage to Standing Forage
- Separation for Wildlife Excreta from Contaminated Grain
- Wildlife damage to Standing Grain
- Wild Predator Loss Compensation

Funding

Compensation available depends on the program component. Contact your nearest Production Insurance office.

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

Eligibility depends on which program component is being considered. Contact your nearest Production Insurance office.

Contact

For more information or an application, contact your nearest Production Insurance office or the Program website:

Abbotsford:	Toll Free 1-888-221-7141, Local 604-556-3001
Dawson Creek:	Toll Free 1-877-772-2200, Local 250- 784-2236
Fort St. John:	Toll Free 1-888-822-1345, Local 250-787-3240
Kamloops:	Toll Free 1-888-823-3355, Local 250-371-6050
Kelowna:	Toll Free 1-888-332-3352, Local 250-861-7211
Oliver:	Toll Free 1-888-812-8811, Local 250-498-5250
Prince George:	Toll Free 1-800-334-3011, Local 250-565-7200
Vernon:	Toll Free 1-877-702-5585, Local 250-260-3000
Williams Lake:	Toll Free 1-800-474-6133, Local 250-398-4500

Website: www.al.gov.bc.ca/awp/

AgriRecovery

AgriRecovery is a framework under Growing Forward which provides a process for governments to quickly determine whether or not further assistance beyond existing programming (e.g., CFIA, AgriStability, AgriInsurance) is warranted and if so, what form that assistance should take. Where federal and provincial governments agree that assistance is warranted, the form of assistance will be unique to the specific disaster situation.

The purpose of AgriRecovery is to help affected producers resume business operations and/or take actions to mitigate the impacts of a disaster as quickly as possible.

Funding

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Contact

JoAnn Sandhu
Economic Analysis & Information Management / Senior Manager
BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
Tel: 250-387-3195

Funding Opportunities for Food Processors & Agri-businesses

Agri-Opportunities Program

This is a \$134 million federal program over five years aimed at accelerating the commercialization of new agricultural products, processes, or services that are currently not produced or commercially available in Canada and are ready to be introduced to the marketplace.

Funding

The Agri-Opportunities Program provides repayable contributions of up to \$10 million per project in the form of interest free, unsecured loans in order to leverage private investment in commercialization of innovations that will benefit the agriculture and agri-based industry. Contributions are repayable over eight years and private sector funding should be at least 33% of total project costs.

Who Can Apply

Corporations, both small and large, agricultural producers, Canadian agri-businesses, co-operatives, Aboriginal groups, academic institutions, Canadian subsidiaries of foreign companies, individuals, non-government organizations and not for profit organizations.

Contact

Marketing and Trade Officers
BC Regional Office
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Suite 420 - 4321 Still Creek Drive
Burnaby, BC V5C 6S7
Tel: 604-666-6344
Fax: 604-666-7235
email: atsbc@agr.gc.ca
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/agri-opportunities

Food Safety Systems Implementation (Processor) Program

This is a \$2.7 million federal-provincial program that provides funding for educational workshops, one on one consultations and offers funding to food processors to implement GMP and/or HACCP and/or ISO 22000. The program is delivered by the Small Scale Food Processor Association.

Funding

Funding is available for food safety workshops, consultations and implementation of food safety standards like GMPs, HACCP and/or ISO22000.

Funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Who Can Apply

Funding is limited to processors who are non-federally registered facilities.

Contact

Small Scale Food Processor Association

2214 Sun Valley Drive

Nanaimo, BC V9T 6E8

Toll free: 1-866-547-7372

email: info@ssfpa.net

Website: www.ssfpa.net

Canadian Agri-Science Clusters Initiative

This is a \$76.46 million federal initiative designed to help key industry-led agricultural organizations to pull together national scientific and technical resources to establish clusters to support innovation for enhanced profitability and competitiveness.

Funding

Canadian Agri-Science Clusters will support the implementation of applied science activities and pre-commercialization strategies that address national sector priorities, activities and market opportunities.

Canadian not-for-profit corporations in the agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector can apply for both the full up to \$16 million proposal and for the planning of a Canadian Agri-Science Cluster. Funding through this initiative will be at a maximum of 75% of eligible expenditures, to a maximum of \$16 million per Canadian Agri-Science Cluster. The remaining expenditures must be met through a cash contribution from non-government organizations.

Funding will also be available to support applicants in the planning and development of an applied science, technology development, and commercialization strategy. Funding will cover up to 50% of the eligible expenditures to a maximum of \$125,000. This funding will be considered part of the maximum funding available to the cluster.

Who Can Apply

Eligible recipients are not-for-profit agricultural corporations. The corporation must be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of stakeholders from within the agricultural, agri-food, and agri-based products sectors.

Contact

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Innovation Directorate
Canadian Agri-Science Clusters
Tower 5, 5th Floor, Room 138, 1341 Baseline Road
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5
email: infoClusters@agr.gc.ca
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/Agri-Innovations

Developing Innovative Agri-Products Initiative (DIAP)

This is a \$70.44 million federal program designed to support industry-led science and technology projects that bridge the gap between ideas, discoveries and products in the marketplace. The goals of the DIAP are to encourage the agricultural, agri-food and agri-based products sector to develop new or expand existing innovation opportunities, such as value chains, and to provide access to Canadian scientific and technical support.

Funding

There are two streams of funding:

Stream A: Funding up to 75% of eligible expenditures, to a maximum of \$2 million may be provided to support collaboration and planning by stakeholders to create and expand agriculture, agri-food and agri-based innovative opportunities.

Stream B: Funding up to 75% of eligible expenditures to a maximum of \$4 million may be provided to transform innovative ideas into new agri-products, practices and processes by helping the private sector access applied science research and development resources.

Who Can Apply

Canadian for-profit and not-for-profit organizations in the agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based sector are eligible to apply.

Eligible projects are those that focus on developing new opportunities or expanding existing value chains and increasing market opportunities in the agri-based product sector. The projects should pull together the best expertise from universities, government, and other research organizations under industry leadership to enhance Canada's capability to pursue science and technology development and application.

Contact

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Innovation Directorate
Tower 5, 5th Floor, Room 138, 1341 Baseline Road
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5
Toll free: 1-866-857-2287
email: infoAgriproducts@agr.gc.ca
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/agri-innovation

National Research Council Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP)

This National Research Council (NRC) program is Canada's premier innovation assistance program for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The program provides financial, technological, and networking assistance to SMEs. Working directly with these clients, NRC-IRAP supports innovative research and development and commercialization of new products and services.

Funding

NRC-IRAP offers two kinds of financial assistance:

Research and Technology Development Activities:

NRC-IRAP provides non-repayable contributions to Canadian SMEs interested in growing by using technology to commercialize services, products and processes in Canadian and international markets. NRC-IRAP also provides mentoring support and invests, on a cost-shared basis, in research and pre-competitive development technical projects.

Youth Employment Strategy Programs:

NRC-IRAP's Internship Program in partnership with the Department of Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC) provides firms with support to hire post-secondary graduates. Firms benefit from the graduate's expertise in a diverse variety of disciplines, and graduates gain valuable work experience that will help open the doors for future employment.

Who Can Apply

Small and medium sized enterprises (less than 500 employees) planning on undertaking research and development activities, must be incorporated and for-profit.

Contact

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Canada Small Business Financing Program

Industry Canada's Canada Small Business Financing Program seeks to increase the availability of loans for establishing, expanding, modernizing, and improving small businesses in Canada. It does this by encouraging financial institutions to make their financing available to small businesses.

Under the Program, a small business must apply for a loan at a financial institution (bank, credit union or caisse populaire) of its choice. Application is not made to the Canada Small Business Financing Program Directorate.

While Industry Canada is responsible for the administration of the Program, financial institutions are responsible for all credit decisions and for making the loans.

Funding

Eligible businesses can receive up to a maximum of \$500,000 for any one business, of which no more than \$350,000 can be used for purchasing leasehold improvements or improving leased property and purchasing or improving new or used equipment.

Who Can Apply

Most small businesses starting up or operating in Canada – excluding farming, not-for-profit organizations, charitable and religious enterprises – are eligible as long as their gross annual revenue does not exceed \$5 million.

Farming businesses are not eligible under this program.

Contact

Small Business Financing Program Directorate
Industry Canada
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0H5
Tel: 613-954-5540
Toll Free: 1-866-959-1699
Fax: 613-952-0290
email: CSBFA-LFPEC@ic.gc.ca
Website: ic.gc.ca/csbfa

Growth Capital Loan Program

Western Economic Diversification Canada, in cooperation with Vancity Capital Corporation, offers the Growth Capital Loan Program. The program is designed to provide debt financing for projects not normally financed by traditional lending institutions.

Funding

The Growth Capital Loan program provides loans for general working capital to support growth, purchase of highly specialized equipment which has limited resale value and is thus not considered adequate security by conventional lenders; on-going research and development; commercial product development; market development; new production and services capacity; and/or export expansion.

Who Can Apply

The Growth Capital Loan Program has been designed to benefit small and medium-sized businesses in traditional industries that operate in British Columbia; have less than 300 employees and average annual total sales of less than \$25 million.

Contact

Website: www.vancitycapital.com/

Website: www.wedc.ca/eng/262.asp#eligibility

Venture Capital Programs

The Venture Capital Programs, provided by the BC Ministry of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development, encourage investors to make equity capital investments in British Columbia small businesses to enhance and diversify the provincial economy. There are three key programs to help businesses gain access to capital: the Venture Capital Program, the Employee Share Ownership Program, and the Labour Sponsored Investment Funds Program. These programs are designed to ensure that BC small businesses have continuous access to early-stage venture capital to help develop and expand their business.

Funding

This program provides BC investors with a 30 % refundable tax credit.

Who Can Apply

Small and Medium Sized Companies in British Columbia.

Contact

Toll free: 1-800-665-6597

Website: www.tted.gov.bc.ca/TRI/ICP/

Livestock Waste Tissue Initiative

This \$5 million provincial initiative provides funds to slaughterhouse facility operators, renderers, and meat processors to dispose of specified risk material (SRM) and other slaughter plant waste tissue in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

Funding

There is no funding limit however projects that have industry and/or community support will be given preference. Partnerships are encouraged.

Who Can Apply

Funding is available for projects that match one or both of the following strategic priorities: assist BC waste tissue generators, renderers, and meat processors with the development of sustainable waste tissue management methods; or, prepare plans for the efficient and safe disposal of all livestock carcasses generated during an emergency in BC.

Contact

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Website:

www.iafb.bc.ca/funding_available/programs/livestock/livestock.htm

Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Incentive Program (SR&ED)

This federal tax incentive program, administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), encourages Canadian businesses of all sizes, and in all sectors to conduct research and development in Canada. It is the largest single source of federal government support for industrial research and development .

Funding

The SR&ED program gives claimants cash refunds and/or tax credits for their expenditures on eligible R&D work done in Canada.

Generally, a Canadian-controlled private corporation can earn an investment tax credit (ITC) of 35% up to the first \$2 million of qualified expenditures carried out in Canada, and 20% on any excess amount. Other Canadian corporations, proprietorships, partnerships, and trusts can earn an ITC of 20% of qualified expenditures for SR&ED carried out in Canada.

Who Can Apply

To qualify for the SR&ED program, the work must advance the understanding of scientific relations or technologies, address scientific or technological uncertainty, and incorporate a systematic investigation by qualified personnel. Work that qualifies for SR&ED tax credits includes experimental development, applied research, basic research, and support work.

Contact

Canada Revenue Agency
1166 West Pender Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 3H8
Toll free: 1-866-317-0473
Fax: 604-691-3872

Website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/txcrdt/sred-rsde/

Industrial Cooperation Program (CIDA-INC)

The Industrial Cooperation Program (CIDA-INC) is managed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The program provides financial support to Canadian companies that start a business or provide training in developing countries. The objective of CIDA-INC is to promote sustainable development and poverty reduction in developing countries by stimulating private sector development and investment.

Funding

Financial support is provided through one of CIDA-INC's two mechanisms. The Investment Mechanism provides funding for viability studies or start-up support to Canadian companies producing goods or services that seek to invest in developing/transitioning countries. The Professional Services Mechanism provides funding for feasibility studies or implementation support to Canadian consulting firms that seek to provide professional advice, or implement and transfer technology for a national or regional infrastructure project. Projects must have funding from the host country government or an international funding agency other than CIDA.

Who Can Apply

The CIDA-INC program funding is available for financially sound Canadian firms that produce goods or services and Canadian consulting firms. Companies must have been in business for at least three years, with annual sales over \$700,000 for at least two consecutive years. Companies must be prepared to make a long-term commitment to the project, have established contacts with a partner in the host country, found other sources of potential funding and be prepared to invest in the developmental aspects of the project.

Contact

Pacific Regional Office
Canadian International Development Agency
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Vancouver, BC V6B 6E1
Tel: 604-666-9952
Fax: 604-666-0954
Website: www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/inc

Funding Opportunities for Industry Associations

Agricultural Flexibility Fund

This \$500 million federal program provides funding to facilitate the implementation of new initiatives, in partnership with provinces, territories and industry, which will improve the sector's competitiveness and will help the sector adapt to pressures. It supports initiatives in three key areas: investments to help reduce production costs or improve environmental sustainability for the sector; investments in value-chain innovation and sectoral adaptation; and investments to address emerging opportunities and challenges for the sector.

Funding

Proposals can be either one-time investment for a specific purpose or multi-year initiatives that can be completed within the lifetime of the fund.

Industry contributions of twenty-five percent (25%) or more are preferred, with a target of fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible proposal costs.

Who Can Apply

Eligible recipients may receive funding either directly from the federal government, or through an initiative that is supported by the AgriFlexibility fund. These recipients can include: individuals; partnerships; universities, colleges; cooperatives; marketing boards; organizations relating to the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector; provincial/territorial/municipal governments, including their institutions, agencies and corporations; non-profit organizations; and for-profit companies.

Contact

Trade and Marketing Officers

BC Regional Office

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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Agricultural Flexibility Fund Administration

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

Toll free: 1-877-290-2188

Fax: 613-773-1922

email: AgriFlex@agr.gc.ca

Website: www.agr.gc.ca/agriflexibility

AgriMarketing Program

This \$88.3 million federal program, which is the successor to the Canadian Agriculture and Food International (CAFI) program – aims to advance the Canadian agriculture, agri-food, fish and seafood industry by providing funds for industry associations and SMEs (through their association) to cost-share identification of market opportunities, develop and implement long-term international strategies, and promote Canadian exports. New elements of the program include support to SMEs and access to funding to support marketing of innovative products.

Funding

The AgriMarketing Program provides funding for industry associations and SMEs (via their associations) to develop and implement Long Term International Strategies (LTIS). Funding for SMEs is for non-generic activities and is provided through sector or export associations. Funding is also available for marketing of innovative products.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations and entities promoting export of Canadian agriculture, agri-food, fish and seafood products, including: national industry associations, alliances, and technical marketing support organizations. Applicants must also be Canada Brand members.

Contact

Marketing and Trade Officers
BC Regional Office
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
420-4321 Still Creek Drive
Burnaby, BC V5C 6S7
Tel: 604-666-6344
Fax: 604-666-7235
email: atsbc@agr.gc.ca
Website: www.agr.gc.ca/agrimarketing

Pesticide Risk Reduction Program

The Pesticide Risk Reduction Program is a joint initiative of AAFC and Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) that focuses on developing and implementing reduced risk solutions for pest management issues that have been identified as priorities by growers. AAFC and the PMRA are working together with industry and the provinces to increase the availability and adoption of reduced risk tools and practices to control pests in agriculture.

Funding

The Program provides funding and regulatory support for the implementation of developed strategies. The research community and grower organizations are invited to respond to requests for proposals (RFPs) addressing particular pest management issues.

Who Can Apply

Grower Associations.

Contact

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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Programs Administered Through the Investment Agriculture Foundation

Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF)

The Investment Agriculture Foundation of British Columbia is an industry-led, not-for-profit organization that was established in 1996. The Investment Agriculture Foundation manages and distributes federal and provincial funds in support of innovative projects to benefit the agri-food industry in British Columbia. Funding is available to help the industry seize new opportunities and deal with emerging issues.

Funding

See below for specific provincial and federal programs that are administered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation.

Contact

General Contact Information

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Website: www.iafbc.ca

Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP)

This is a \$163 million federal program over five years with a focus on helping the industry to seize opportunities, respond to new and emerging issues, pathfind and pilot solutions to new and ongoing issues. The goal is to help industry to provide industry with opportunities to work with others to find solutions to shared challenges that would allow the sector to quickly adapt to changes, respond to emerging issues, and capture new opportunities.

This program is a successor to the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) program. CAAP will continue to support industry-led initiatives at the national, regional and multi-regional levels.

Funding

Funding is available for eligible regional and multi-regional projects through the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C and for national projects through AAFC.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must be Canadian legal entities, capable of entering into a contract to deliver a project. This may include organizations and associations, cooperatives, marketing boards, aboriginal groups, for-profit companies, and individuals. Federal, provincial and territorial government departments or agencies, and colleges and universities are not eligible to apply.

Contact

For regional and multi-regional projects:
Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC
Tel: 250-356-1662

email: funding@iafbc.ca

Website: www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/CAAP/caap.htm

For national projects:

Toll-Free: 1-877-290-2188

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Website: www.agr.gc.ca/caap

Agri-Food Futures Fund (AFFF)

The Agri-Food Futures Fund (AFFF) is a joint federal-provincial initiative with funding from the former Canada - British Columbia Framework Agreement on Agricultural Risk Management. The Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C. serves as the trustee of the fund and handles administration for some of the initiatives, with the rest delivered by a variety of industry organizations.

The Agri-Food Futures Fund is for specific purposes, relating to development and sustainability of the agri-food industry in BC. The specific purposes are:

- facilitating growth and development of emerging sectors;
- diversifying, and achieving and maintaining stability of established sectors;
- maintaining farm and agri-food viability and productivity as operations integrate changing environmental values and adopt appropriate and responsible stewardship practices;
- facilitating growth and development in food and agriculture processing, and enhancing all aspects of food quality;
- improving food safety and acceptability to consumers, capitalising on a reputation of safe foods, humanely produced.

Funding

The AFFF is designed to encourage a strategic approach to industry development, basing all funding on broad, clear strategies, developed and supported by proponents within the agri-food industry. Numerous groups representing sectors or regions of the agri-food industry have developed long-term strategic plans for their sectors or regions and have been accepted by the trustee, the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C. Funding is still available for projects under the individual initiatives listed below.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must be Canadian legal entities, capable of entering into a contract to deliver a project. This may include organizations and associations, cooperatives, marketing boards, aboriginal groups, for-profit companies, and individuals. Project eligibility is assessed against the purpose and funding principles of the AFFF. Projects must have a broad benefit and address a strategic goal of the Initiative under which funding is being applied for.

Contact

Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.

Tel: 250-356-1662

Fax: 250-953-5162

email: funding@iafb.bc.ca

Website: <http://www.iafb.bc.ca/index.htm>

Link: www.agf.gov.bc.ca/indcomp/aff.htm

AFFF/Agriculture Labour Market and Skills Development Initiative (ALMSDI)

This cross-sectoral initiative outlines a proactive, responsive approach to achieving long-term agriculture labour market stability. It outlines goals and actions which focus in an integrated manner on the key attributes of the labour market, thereby achieving a balanced approach and laying out a roadmap to stability. This balance is necessary not only to meet the objective of long-term sustainability of the agri-food industry, but also to maintain and enhance BC's competitive ability within the national and international marketplaces.

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Link:

http://www.iafb.bc.ca/funding_available/programs/LMSD/LMSD.htm

AFFF/Agriculture Environment and Wildlife Fund (AEWF)

This initiative provides funding assistance to the agriculture industry of BC to address key agriculture-environment issues. The fund is intended to further the environmental sustainability of the agriculture sector while enhancing the viability of the industry. Funding is available for projects that address the following key activity areas, as identified in the Agriculture Environment & Wildlife Fund Strategic Plan: demonstration and adoption of stewardship practices; collaborative area planning; research; reduction of wildlife impacts; and education and awareness.

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Website: www.ardcorp.ca/index.php?page_id=34

Link: www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/agriculture_environment/environment.htm

AFFF/Beekeeping Industry Development Initiative

This initiative supports research and education projects that facilitate the economic viability and development of the beekeeping industry in BC. Funding is available for projects that address the following priority areas: increase the number of bee colonies available for production and pollination; support research essential for a viable, healthy industry; increase awareness of the importance of the beekeeping industry; expand marketing avenues to increase consumption of hive products; and provide beekeepers with training and education.

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Website:

www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/beekeeping/beekeeping.htm

AFFF/Cultivated Mushroom Industry Initiative

This initiative helps to strengthen the viability and development of the cultivated mushroom industry in BC through industry research and development and sector education and promotion. Funding is available for projects that foster and support research and industry development activities; enhance industry standards of food quality and safety; increase industry, agri-food sector stakeholder and end-user communications; and enhance market development and diversification.

Contact

General Inquiries About Funding - Investment Agriculture Foundation

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email: funding@iafbc.ca

Website: www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/cultivated-mushrooms/mushrooms.htm

AFFF/Food & Beverage Processing Initiative

This initiative helps to assist with development of the food, beverage and nutraceutical processing industry. Funding is available for projects that match one or more of the following strategic priorities: enhance the competitive position of BC food and beverage processors; build BC's reputation as a leader in health and lifestyle-oriented products; build business relationships and collaboration with value chain partners; and, enhance communications and coordination among industry stakeholders.

Contact

General Inquiries About Funding - Investment Agriculture Foundation

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Website: www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/FPB/FPB.htm

AFFF/Islands Agri-Food Initiative

This initiative helps to encourage the development of a viable and sustainable agri-food sector on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Powell River. Funding is available for projects that match one or more of the following strategic priorities: enhance market development and promotion of the agri-food industry; increase the stakeholder knowledge base in areas such as communications, economic potential, statistical data, marketing and product development; facilitate the development of strategic partnerships; and support increased agri-food processing as a catalyst for rural community development.

Contact

Barry Remus, Project Facilitator

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Website: www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/IAFI/iafi.htm

BC Agroforestry Initiative

This initiative works with a diverse group of stakeholders, including farmers, ranchers, woodlot owners, agroforestry product buyers and researchers to develop profitable, sustainable agroforestry opportunities for BC.

A new five year strategic plan has been developed and an associated new funding allocation is being proposed. If approved, funding may be available for projects that address the following key activity areas as identified in the initiative's renewed strategic plan: expand and strengthen partnerships; demonstrate agroforestry practices; develop business cases for selected practices; improve market connections; and, improve awareness, extension, and education.

Contact

Investment Agriculture Foundation

Tel: 250-356-1662

Fax: 250-953-5162

email: funding@iafbc.ca

For information on the previous initiative, visit: www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/agroforestry/Agroforestry.htm
www.woodlot.bc.ca/agroforestry/index.html#ini

Other organizations providing funding and/or services for agriculture and agribusiness

Farm Credit Canada

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is the leading business and financial services provider to agriculture in Canada. FCC provides competitively priced debt and equity financing, insurance, software, training and information.

Funding

FCC provides producer financing, agribusiness financing, alliances financing, venture capital, as well as loan life and accident insurance programs.

Who Can Apply

Please contact FCC directly or visit their website for more information.

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Tel: 604-575-4250
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202- 2700 Beverly Street
Duncan BC V9L 5C7
Tel: 250-715-2304
Fax: 250-715-2305

Website: www.fcc-fac.ca

Community Futures British Columbia

The range and magnitude of programs managed by the Community Futures Network vary widely, from business development loans to entrepreneurial training to supports and services designed to address issues impacting rural communities at a local level.

Funding

Loans are available for new business start-ups, business expansion, or can be put towards stabilizing an existing business.

Contact

Community Futures Development Association of BC

Operating as:

Community Futures British Columbia

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Vancouver, BC V6C 1T2

Tel : 604-685-2332

Fax : 604-681-6575

email : info@communityfutures.ca

Website : www.communityfutures.ca/provincial/bc/

BC Innovation Council

The British Columbia Innovation Council (BCIC) is the lead organization charged with driving the commercialization of innovation in British Columbia. BCIC is focused on accelerating the growth of BC's science and technology communities and competitively positioning BC in the global science and technology economy in order to provide significant employment opportunities and a high standard of living for British Columbians.

BCIC is a Crown agency of the Province of British Columbia.

Funding

BCIC leads innovation through a series of sector specific initiatives targeting key areas, including the agri-food industry, where British Columbia is a recognized leader. These initiatives support BCIC's strategy to build on the province's established strengths and recognized abilities, positioning the province to succeed in an increasingly global and competitive world.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants vary depending on the program available.

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Toll free: 1-800-665-7222
Fax: 604-683-6567
email: info@bcic.ca
Website: <http://www.bctic.ca>

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD)

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) works with all sectors to strengthen the western Canadian economy. There are three main programs that the agriculture and agri-food industry can take access:

- The Western Diversification Program – invests in projects that support WD's strategic outcomes of innovation, business development and entrepreneurship and community economic development.
- The Loan and Investment Program – allow financial institutions to supply loan capital to clients to whom it would not otherwise make loans. Clients apply directly to the financial program partnered with WD under this program.
- Western Canada Business Service Network – is a group of independent organizations that receive funding from WD to provide a range of services to help create and build small business across the west.

Funding

WD receives an annual allocation, approved by Parliament, for grants and contributions that support a wide range of program responding to Western Canada's economic development needs and priorities.

Who Can Apply

Funding is normally provided to not-for-profit organizations such as industry associations, community and/or economic development organizations, post secondary institutions and Indian Bands. Assistance for small and medium sized business is provided through financial partner institutions and the Community Futures Development Associations.

Contact

700 - 333 Seymour Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 5G9
Tel: 604-666-6256
Toll Free: 1-888-338-WEST (9378)
Teletypewriter (TTY): 1-877-303-3388
Fax: 604-666-2353
Website: www.wd.gc.ca

North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust

This is a \$50 million trust aimed at diversifying the economy of the North Island-Coast by leveraging new investment and partnerships for economic opportunities. Communities control the Trust and make the decisions regarding the most prudent approach to realize economic benefits.

The overarching goal is to support regional decisions for economic development, complimenting the government's strategy to create prosperity for all people in every region of the province. Agriculture has been identified as a strategic priority.

Contact

Island Coastal Economic Trust
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Courtenay, BC V9N 2M2
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Fax : 250-331-0962
email: info@islandcoastaltrust.ca
Website: www.islandcoastaltrust.ca

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)

This is a \$185 million independent regional economic development corporation focused on stimulating economic diversification and job creation in central and northern British Columbia.

NDIT has a range of programs for economic development in the North. Agriculture has been mandated a priority sector for this trust.

Contact

301-1268 Fifth Avenue
Prince George, BC V2L 3L2
Tel: 250-561-2525
Fax: 250-561-2563
email: info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca
Website: www.nditrust.ca

Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT)

This is a \$50 million trust whose is to support regionally strategic investments in economic development projects that will have long-lasting and measurable regional benefits for the Southern Interior. Agriculture is a strategic priority in this trust.

Contact

204, 3131 29th Street
Vernon, BC V1T 5A8
Tel: 250-545-6829
Fax: 250-545-6896
email: admin@sidit-bc.ca
Website: www.sidit-bc.ca

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT)

This trust serves the residents of the Canadian portion of the Columbia River Basin. This trust assists communities in addressing their needs by providing resources and funding; focusing on local priorities and issues; bringing people together around key issues; providing useful, credible, accessible information; encouraging collaboration and partnerships; and, seeking ongoing input from Basin residents.

Contact

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Golden, BC V0A 1H0
Tel: 250-344-7065

Northeast
104 - 806 9th St. N
Golden, BC V0A 1H0
Tel: 250-344-7065

Southeast
828D Baker Street
Cranbrook, BC V1C 1A2
Tel: 250-426-8810

Website: www.cbt.org

Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund

This \$15 million fund assists the people of northwest British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village, by sponsoring sustainable economic and community stability projects in the area most affected by the Kemano project and the creation of the Nechako Reservoir.

Contact

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Website: <http://www.nkdf.org/>

Export Development Canada (EDC)

Export Development Canada (EDC) is Canada's export credit agency, offering innovative commercial solutions to help Canadian exporters and investors expand their international business. EDC's knowledge and partnerships are used by 8,300 Canadian companies and their global customers in up to 200 markets worldwide each year. EDC is financially self-sustaining and is a recognized leader in financial reporting and economic analysis.

Contact

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Other Funding Brochures or Information Sites of Relevance to the Agriculture & Agri-food Sector

Investment Agriculture Foundation – Climate Action Initiative for BC Agriculture and Food

This brochure identifies grant and loan programs that could potentially provide support for BC agri-food projects addressing climate change issues.

Contact

Website: www.bcagclimateaction.ca

www.Funderstable.com

A social networking site in British Columbia that will enable government, corporations, philanthropic organizations, and non-project groups to work collaboratively using web 2.0 technology on common project proposals.

Coming Fall 2009.

Contact

Website: www.funderstable.com

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